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Dear Mr. Chitwood:

Effective May 14, 1975, the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining became responsible for the reclamation of all mine and mill sites within the State, as per the "Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act" of 1975. Consequently, as of this date, the Division will act as the lead agency in all matters concerning uranium mine and mill reclamation and stabilization, including tailings stabilization and monitoring. We expect to cooperate closely with the Department of Health, and have met with and discussed procedures with Messrs. Dennis R. Dalley, Lynn Thatcher and Dr. Dale D. Parker of said department.

It is our intention to prepare environmental assessments, and any other statements necessary for uranium mines and mills in the State of Utah, to establish reclamation plans for said operations, and to monitor tailings and evaporation ponds while the projects are in operation, and as long after cessation of activities as deemed necessary.

In addition, the "Mined Land Reclamation Act" empowers the Division to require posting of a reclamation bond sufficient to complete reclamation and monitoring, should the company fail in its responsibilities to stabilize the remnants of an operation.

Very truly yours,

DIVISION OF OIL, GAS, AND MINING

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Richard B. Chitwood, Chief
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Dear Mr. Chitwood:

Pending the solution of several problems related to the cooperative effort between the State of Utah and Atlas Minerals, Division of Atlas Corporation, Moab, Utah, in dealing with the radioactive tailings pile, an agreement will be negotiated.

While the nature of such an agreement is unknown at the present time, it is presumed the State of Utah will accept the responsibility for inspection and a nominal amount of maintenance of the stabilized tailings pile. Such activities would be funded through a bonding procedure or by funds deposited with the Division of Health by Atlas Minerals.

The State of Utah will not be responsible for some future procedure that might be considered a final solution to the tailings pile problem.

Sincerely yours,

Lyman J. Olsen, M.D.
Director of Health

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cc: Atlas Minerals, Moab